

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Statistical Data for June 2006

Region 4

August 2006

LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES JUNE 2006 Preliminary Unemployment Rates

SUMMER

AREA	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	6/06	5/06	6/05
U.S.	152,557,000	145,216,000	7,341,000	4.8%	4.4%	5.2%
INDIANA	3,301,900	3,132,300	169,600	5.1%	4.8%	5.3%
Economic Growth Region 4*	246,125	233,677	12,448	5.1%	4.9%	5.2%
Lafayette MSA**	95,010	90,860	4,150	4.4%	4.1%	4.8%
Kokomo MSA***	47,640	44,580	3,060	6.4%	6.3%	6.0%
Benton County	4,725	4,500	225	4.8%	4.4%	5.4%
Carroll County	10,580	10,130	450	4.2%	4.7%	4.8%
Cass County	19,950	18,880	1,070	5.4%	5.2%	5.5%
Clinton County	17,510	16,630	880	5.0%	4.9%	5.3%
Fountain County	9,240	8,780	460	5.0%	4.6%	5.4%
Howard County	39,400	36,790	2,610	6.6%	6.5%	6.1%
Miami County	17,940	16,830	1,110	6.2%	6.1%	6.0%
Montgomery County	20,700	19,800	900	4.4%	4.1%	4.7%
Tippecanoe County	79,700	76,230	3,470	4.4%	4.0%	4.8%
Tipton County	8,230	7,785	445	5.4%	5.2%	5.7%
Warren County	4,985	4,790	195	3.9%	3.6%	4.3%
White County	13,160	12,540	620	4.7%	4.7%	5.2%
Attica City	1,800	1,705	95	5.4%	4.7%	4.9%
Crawfordsville City	7,990	7,520	470	5.9%	5.4%	6.4%
Delphi City	1,445	1,375	70	4.8%	5.1%	6.2%
Fowler City	1,145	1,095	50	4.4%	4.3%	5.1%
Frankfort City	7,605	7,135	470	6.2%	6.2%	6.5%
Kokomo City	21,390	19,720	1,670	7.8%	7.7%	7.1%
Lafayette City	32,970	31,390	1,580	4.8%	4.6%	5.2%
Logansport City	9,095	8,520	575	6.3%	6.0%	7.0%
Monticello City	2,840	2,680	160	5.6%	5.6%	7.5%
Peru City	6,335	5,835	500	7.9%	7.9%	7.6%
Tipton City	2,610	2,465	145	5.6%	5.9%	7.2%
Williamsport City	1,070	1,025	45	4.0%	3.5%	5.6%

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING by COUNTY (High to Low)

JUNE 2006 RANK	COUNTY	JUNE 2006 RATE
8	Howard	6.6%
18	Miami	6.2%
31	Cass	5.4%
36	Tipton	5.4%
49	Clinton	5.0%
50	Fountain	5.0%
57	Benton	4.8%
63	White	4.7%
73	Montgomery	4.4%
76	Tippecanoe	4.4%
82	Carroll	4.2%
87	Warren	3.9%

*EGR 4 includes Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Howard, Miami, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Warren and White counties

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REGIONAL, STATE, & METROPOLITAN UNEMPLOYMENT

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in June. Overall, 20 states and the District of Columbia recorded over-the-month unemployment rate decreases, 19 states registered rate increases, and 11 states had no change, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported.

State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Florida and South Dakota posted the lowest unemployment rates in June, 3.0 percent each. Hawaii, Nebraska, Utah, and Virginia had the next lowest rates, 3.1 percent each. The states recording the highest jobless rates were Mississippi, 7.1 percent, South Carolina, 6.7 percent, Alaska, 6.6 percent, and Michigan, 6.3 percent. In June, 17 states registered unemployment rates that were significantly below the U.S. rate, 9 states reported measurably higher rates, and 24 states and the District of Columbia had rates that were little different from that of the nation.

Unemployment rates were lower in June than a year earlier in 292 of the 367 metropolitan areas, higher in 52 areas, and unchanged in 23 areas, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported. Nineteen metropolitan areas registered jobless rates below 3.0 percent, while three areas recorded rates of 10.0 percent or more.

Metropolitan Division Unemployment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach, Fla., posted the lowest division unemployment rate in June, 3.1 percent.

Surrounding States	Unemployment Rates
June 2006	(Non-seasonably adjusted)
Illinois	4.8%
Kentucky	6.1%
Michigan	6.5%
Ohio	5.2%

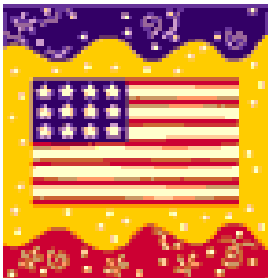
LAFAYETTE MSA

(Benton, Carroll, and Tippecanoe Counties)

WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT

	Jun 2006	May 2006	Jun 2005	CHANGE FROM			
				May 2006 TO Jun 2006		Jun 2005 TO Jun 2006	
Total Nonfarm	90,200	93,600	88,700	-3,400	-3.6%	+1,500	+1.7%
Total Private	66,200	66,500	65,900	-300	-0.5%	+300	+0.5%
Goods Producing	20,900	20,800	21,300	+100	+0.5%	-400	-1.9%
Service-Providing	69,300	72,800	67,400	-3,500	-4.8%	+1,900	+2.8%
Private Srvc Provider	45,300	45,700	44,600	-400	-0.9%	+700	+1.6%
Nat. Res & Construct	3,800	3,700	4,000	+100	+2.7%	-200	-5.0%
Manufacturing	17,100	17,100	17,300	+0	+0.0%	-200	-1.2%
Durable Goods	13,000	12,900	13,000	+100	+0.8%	+0	+0.0%
Non-Durable Goods	4,100	4,200	4,300	-100	-2.4%	-200	-4.7%
Trade, Transportation,	14,200	14,300	14,000	-100	-0.7%	+200	+1.4%
Wholesale Trade	2,000	2,000	2,000	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Retail Trade	10,100	10,200	9,900	-100	-1.0%	+200	+2.0%
Trans, Warehouse, Util	2,100	2,100	2,100	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Information	1,000	1,000	1,000	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Financial Activities	3,700	3,700	3,900	+0	+0.0%	-200	-5.1%
Professional and Busin	5,400	5,300	5,300	+100	+1.9%	+100	+1.9%
Educational and Health	9,300	9,400	9,200	-100	-1.1%	+100	+1.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	8,700	9,000	8,300	-300	-3.3%	+400	+4.8%
Accommodation and Food	7,800	8,000	7,600	-200	-2.5%	+200	+2.6%
Other Services	3,000	3,000	2,900	+0	+0.0%	+100	+3.4%
Government	24,000	27,100	22,800	-3,100	-11.4%	+1,200	+5.3%
Federal Government	700	700	700	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
State Government	17,000	19,800	15,300	-2,800	-14.1%	+1,700	+11.1%
Local Government	6,300	6,600	6,800	-300	-4.5%	-500	-7.4%
Local Govt Education	3,700	4,000	4,100	-300	-7.5%	-400	-9.8%

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Research & Analysis has a new website ~

Hoosiers by the Numbers, operated by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. The site can be accessed at www.hoosierdata.in.gov. The new site contains labor market data, statistics and trends compiled by the Department and the United States Department of Labor. The new web site is part of a major upgrade of the content and usability of the labor market information data the department regularly compiles on Indiana's workforce. It offers improved functionality in that users can more easily sort and rank data, can "grab" data in spreadsheet or text formats, and more easily make geographic comparisons. The data on the web site is used by economic development officials, researchers, policy-makers and other officials in a wide variety of economic development initiatives and community investment decisions.

MONTHLY COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY OFFICE TOTAL ALL CLAIMS FILED



LOCAL OFFICE	June 2006 Initial Claims	June 2006 Total Claims		May 2006 Initial Claims	May 2006 Total Claims
Kokomo	636	7,892		890	9,211
Lafayette	928	8,001		1,040	7,949
INDIANA	25,352	218,064		27,040	223,984

	Jun 2006	May 2006	Jun 2005	CHANGE FROM			
				May 2006 TO Jun 2006		Jun 2005 TO Jun 2006	
Total Nonfarm	46,900	47,500	48,000	-600	-1.3%	-1,100	-2.3%
Total Private	39,700	39,800	41,000	-100	-0.3%	-1,300	-3.2%
Goods Producing	16,600	16,800	17,400	-200	-1.2%	-800	-4.6%
Service-Providing	30,300	30,700	30,600	-400	-1.3%	-300	-1.0%
Private Srvc Provider	23,100	23,000	23,600	+100	+0.4%	-500	-2.1%
Nat. Res & Construct	1,400	1,400	1,500	+0	+0.0%	-100	-6.7%
Manufacturing	15,200	15,400	15,900	-200	-1.3%	-700	-4.4%
Durable Goods	14,500	14,700	15,100	-200	-1.4%	-600	-4.0%
Transportation Equip	12,300	12,300	12,700	+0	+0.0%	-400	-3.1%
Trade, Transportation,	7,600	7,600	7,800	+0	+0.0%	-200	-2.6%
Wholesale Trade	1,000	1,000	1,100	+0	+0.0%	-100	-9.1%
Retail Trade	5,800	5,800	5,900	+0	+0.0%	-100	-1.7%
Trans,Warehouse, Utili	800	800	800	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Information	300	300	300	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Financial Activities	1,500	1,500	1,600	+0	+0.0%	-100	-6.3%
Professional and Busin	3,200	3,200	3,000	+0	+0.0%	+200	+6.7%
Educational and Health	3,600	3,600	3,700	+0	+0.0%	-100	-2.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	4,400	4,300	4,700	+100	+2.3%	-300	-6.4%
Other Services	2,500	2,500	2,500	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Government	7,200	7,700	7,000	-500	-6.5%	+200	+2.9%
Local Government	6,100	6,600	5,900	-500	-7.6%	+200	+3.4%
Local Govt Education	2,300	3,000	2,200	-700	-23.3%	+100	+4.5%

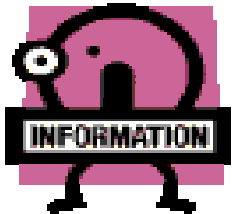
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Bureau of Labor Statistics Reports....

U.S. workers are giving up on traditional employment in favor of alternative arrangements, with 20 million workers telecommuting and 10.3 million working as independent contractors, the United States Chamber of Commerce reports (Daily Labor Report, page A-7). In its report, titled "Work, Entrepreneurship, and Opportunity in 21st America," (online at http://www.uschamber.com/publications/reports/0604entrepreneurial_workforce.htm), the business group -- citing government estimates from the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics -- said there are about 10.3 million independent contractors in the United States, making up 7.4 percent of the U.S. workforce. Small business startups especially businesses founded by women and minorities, also are "increasing at an impressive pace," the group said. Citing BLS data, the chamber said there are 27 million workers on flextime, defined as able to work with a flexible schedule. The business group also counts among its tally of nontraditional workers an estimated 25 million part-time workers, 17 million workers engaged in direct selling for such entities as Avon and Amway, 10.2 million self-employed workers, and 18 million owners of sole proprietorships. Some of those workers, the group said, may belong to more than one of those categories.

Taking the family on vacation is going to cost you 5.4 percent more this year than it did last summer, according to the Automobile Association of America. On average, you can expect to spend an average of \$261 per day for food and lodging, writes Gerri Willis, http://money.cnn.com/2006/05/05/pt/saving/willis_tips/index.htm. Right now you'll pay an average of \$141 per night for an hotel room. That's up 9 percent from last year. And popular destinations can cost far more. The most expensive state will be Hawaii. According to AAA, a family of four will pay \$599 per day for food and lodging. The per day cost in Nevada and New York will be well over \$300.

Seven state legislatures have raised their state's minimum wage this year, and efforts are underway in six states to put similar proposals on the November ballot, writes Charisse Jones, USA Today, May 10, page 3A. States are using legislation and ballot initiatives to do what Congress has not done since 1997, when it last increased the federal minimum wage to \$5.15 an hour. Twenty-one states have minimum wages above \$5.15. Joining the list this year are Maryland, Rhode Island, Michigan, Arkansas and Maine. West Virginia increased wages, but only for a limited set of workers. Ohio raised its minimum to match the federal wage. Nevada voters will decide in November whether to raise the state wage to \$6.15 an hour. Drives for similar initiatives are taking place in Arizona, Ohio, Colorado, Missouri and Montana. Last year, 1.9 million workers -- 2.5 percent of hourly earners -- earned \$5.15 or less, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Pay for millions of others is influenced by the wage.



CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI-U)

U.S. City Average

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Unadjusted percent change to Jun 2006 from:

	<u>Jun 05</u>	<u>May 06</u>
All Items	4.3%	0.2%
Food/Beverages	2.2%	0.2%
Housing	4.2%	0.7%
Apparel	0.5%	-2.9%
Transportation	9.0%	-0.2%
Medical Care	4.1%	0.1%
Recreation	1.9%	0.0%
Education/Communication	2.7%	0.2%
Other Goods/Services	2.9%	0.4%



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APPLICANT POOL

AS OF 8/6/2006

Job Title

Number of Applicants
Economic Growth Region 4

Cashiers, General	1,364
Administrative Assistants	997
Receptionists/Information Clerks	1,258
General Office Clerks	1,575
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	1,105
1 st Line Supv: Production	1,290
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	1,413
All Other Metal & Plastic Mach Operators	1,149
All Other Machine Setters & Set-Up Oper	1,226
All Other Machine Operators	2,761
Electrical & Electronic Equipment Assembly	1,059
All Other Precision Assemblers	1,457
Machine Assemblers	1,251
Electrical Components Assemblers	1,011
Assemblers (factory work)	6,739
All Other Hand Workers	1,972
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	2,448
Hand Packers & Packagers	1,694
Production Laborers	4,949
Production Helpers	1,984

*The Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between job applicants looking for work and employers looking for applicants to hire. **Applicant Pool** provides a numerical listing of the top jobs being sought by job applicants.

WAGE DEMAND INFORMATION

Wage Demand provides the number of applicants registered in CS3, as well as the annual and median wages that the applicants expect to be paid.

As of 8/6/2006

	Average Annual	Median Annual	Number of Applicants
EGR 4	\$21,813	\$20,800	14,578

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